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	METHOD FOR MANAGING	)
	VARIABLE-SIZED DATA	)
	SLOTS WITH TIMESTAMP	)
	COUNTERS WITHIN A TDMA	)
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

Applicants herewith submit a Divisional patent application together with this Preliminary Amendment. This is a divisional of co-pending U.S. patent application Serial No. 09/480,837, filed January 10, 2000. Preliminary to examination, Applicants make the following amendments.

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